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Beauty and the Beach

DO "THREE HOUR TOURS" USUALLY LAST TWO DAYS, MARIO?
TOAD'S THE GENIUS NAVIGATOR! ASK HIM!!
ULP. I CAN'T THINK ABOUT QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW. EXCEPT MAYBE...
THE SPIRIT OF FLATBUSH

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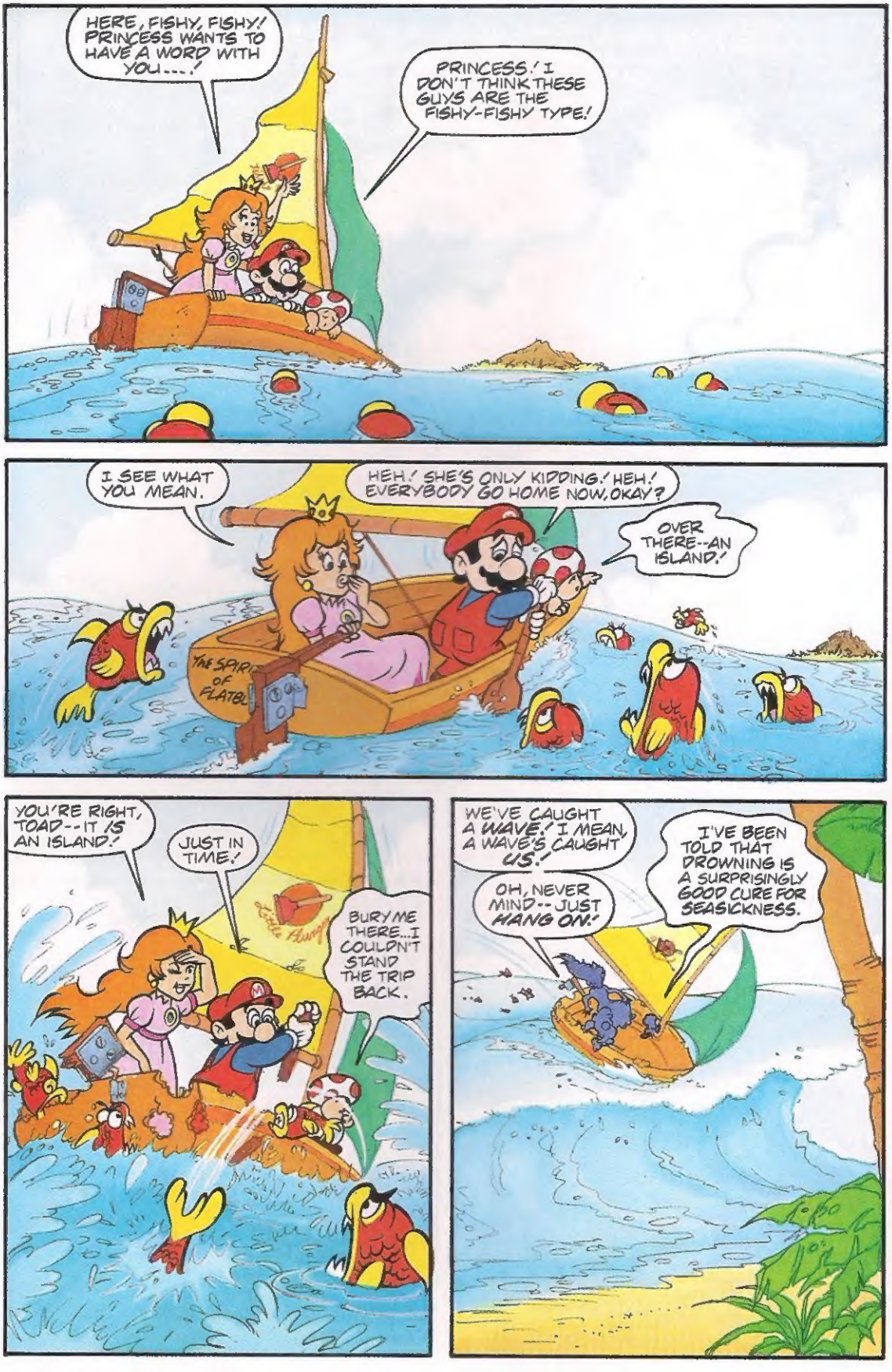
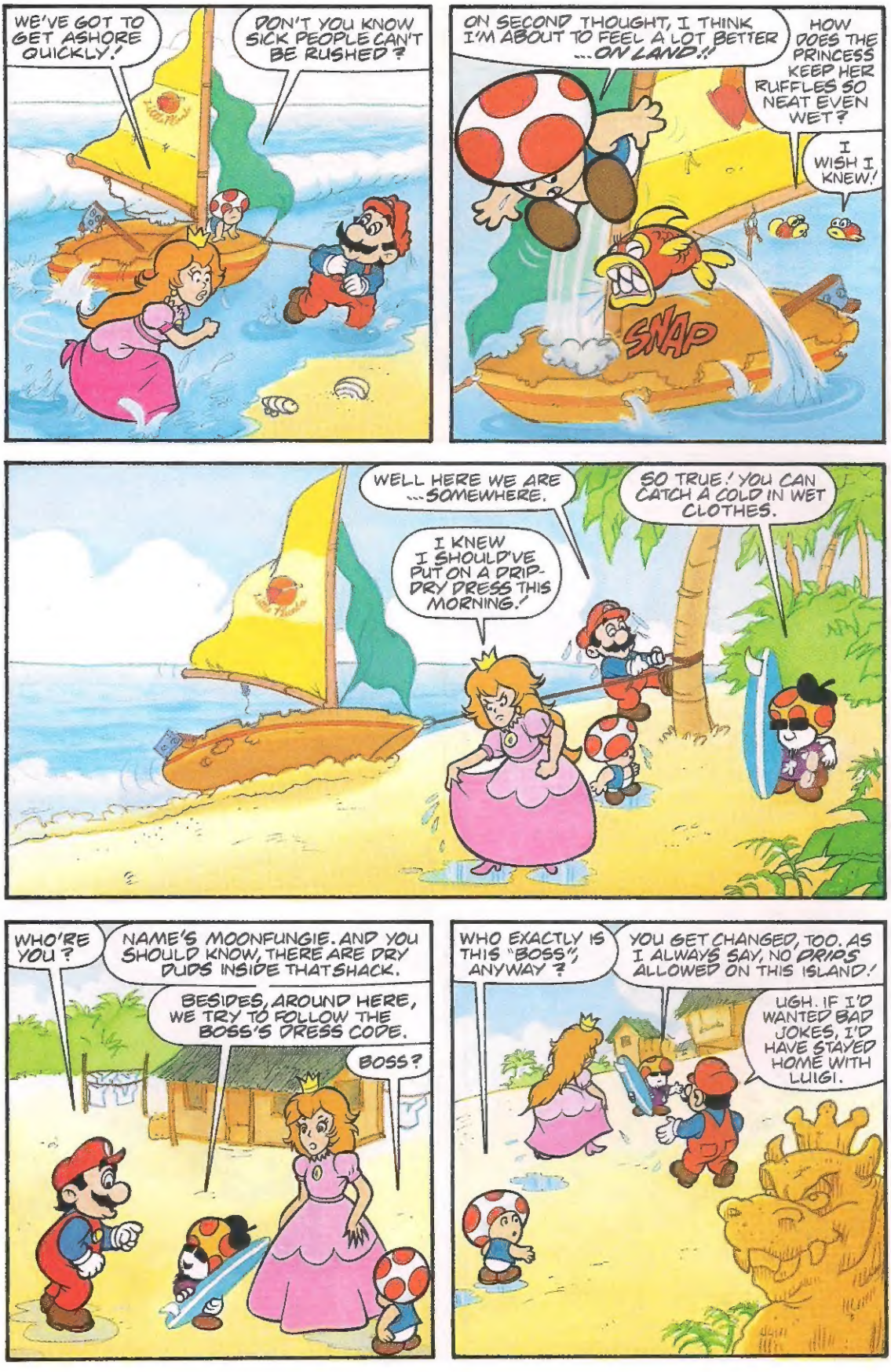
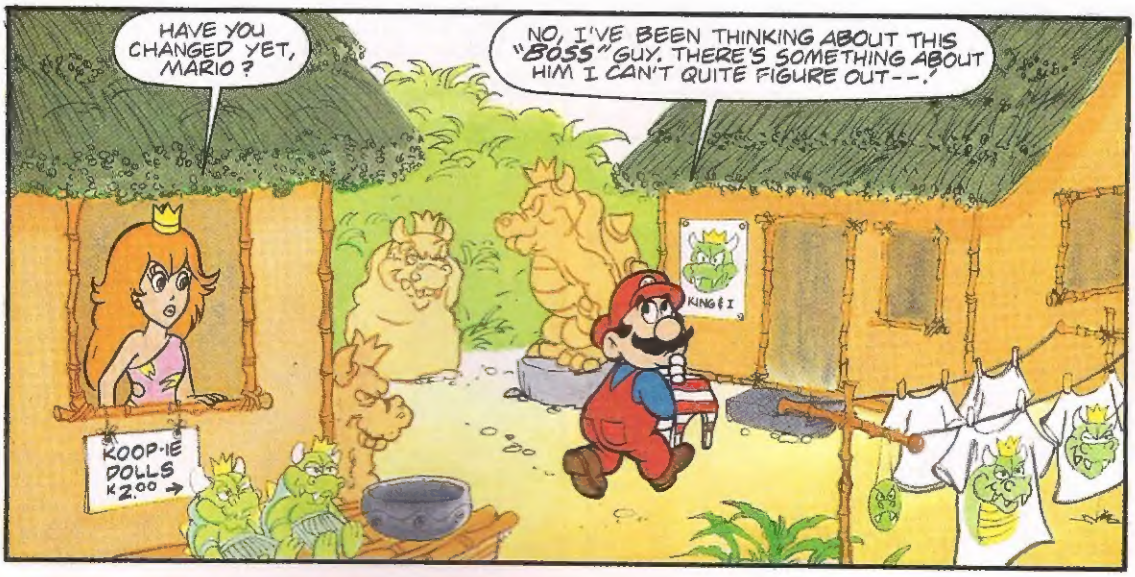

HERE, FISHY, FISHY! PRINCESS WANTS TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU....!
PRINCESS! I DON'T THINK THESE GUYS ARE THE FISHY-FISHY TYPE!
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.
HEH! SHE'S ONLY KIDDING! HEH! EVERYBODY GO HOME NOW, OKAY?
OVER THERE--AN ISLAND!
YOU'RE RIGHT, TOAD--IT IS AN ISLAND!
JUST IN TIME!
BURY ME THERE...I COULDN'T STAND THE TRIP BACK.
WE'VE CAUGHT A WAVE! I MEAN, A WAVE'S CAUGHT US!
OH, NEVER MIND--JUST HANG ON!
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT DROWNING IS A SURPRISINGLY GOOD CURE FOR SEASICKNESS.


WE'VE GOT TO GET ASHORE QUICKLY!
DON'T YOU KNOW SICK PEOPLE CAN'T BE RUSHED?
ON SECOND THOUGHT, I THINK I'M ABOUT TO FEEL A LOT BETTER ...ON LAND!!
HOW DOES THE PRINCESS KEEP HER RUFFLES SO NEAT EVEN WET?
I WISH I KNEW!
SNAP
WELL HERE WE ARE ...SOMEWHERE.
I KNEW I SHOULD'VE PUT ON A DRIP-DRY DRESS THIS MORNING!
SO TRUE! YOU CAN CATCH A COLD IN WET CLOTHES.
WHO'RE YOU?
NAME'S MOONFUNGIE. AND YOU SHOULD KNOW, THERE ARE DRY DUDS INSIDE THAT SHACK.
BESIDES, AROUND HERE, WE TRY TO FOLLOW THE BOSS'S DRESS CODE.
BOSS?
WHO EXACTLY IS THIS "BOSS", ANYWAY?
YOU GET CHANGED, TOO. AS I ALWAYS SAY, NO DRIPS ALLOWED ON THIS ISLAND!
UGH. IF I'D WANTED BAD JOKES, I'D HAVE STAYED HOME WITH LUIGI.


HAVE YOU CHANGED YET, MARIO?
NO, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS "BOSS" GUY. THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM I CAN'T QUITE FIGURE OUT--.
KOOP-IE DOLLS K2.00 →
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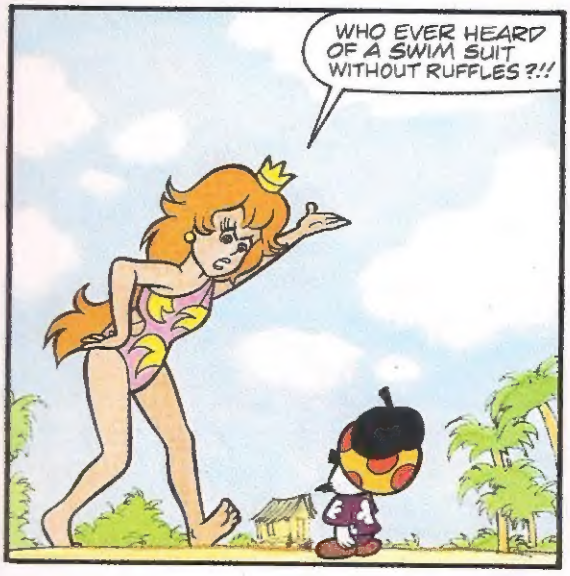
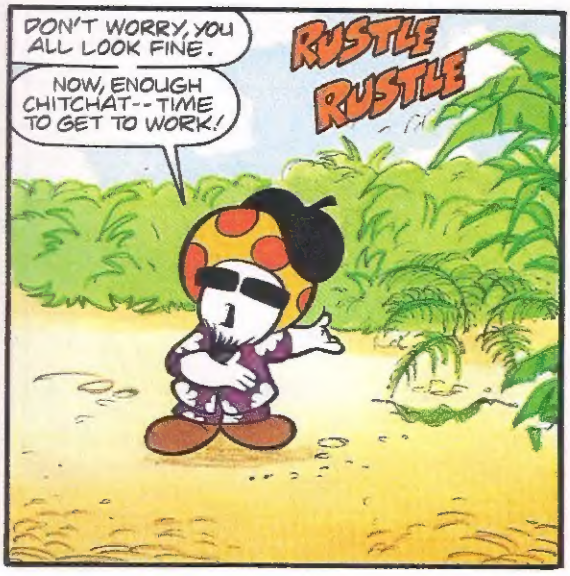
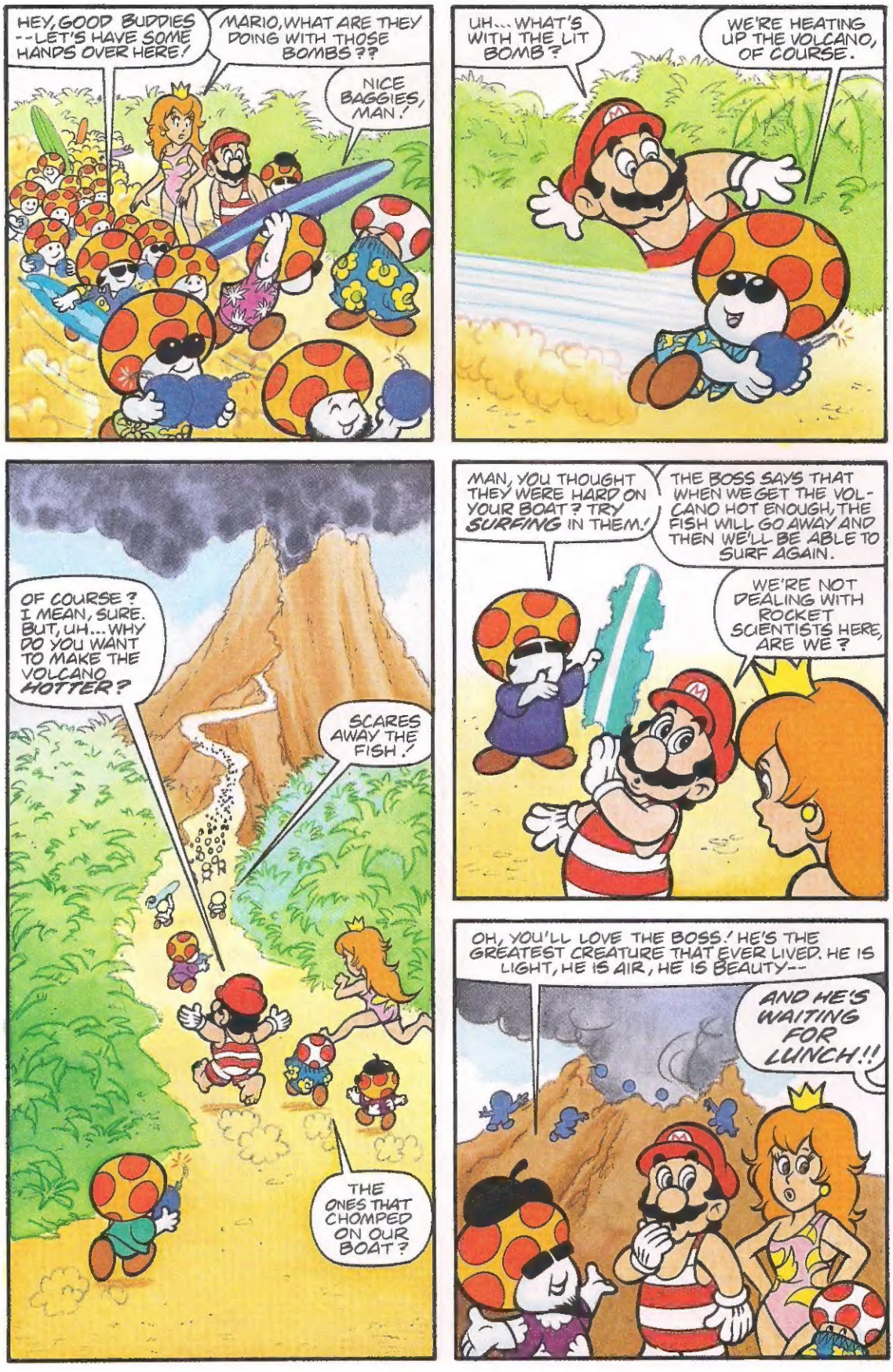
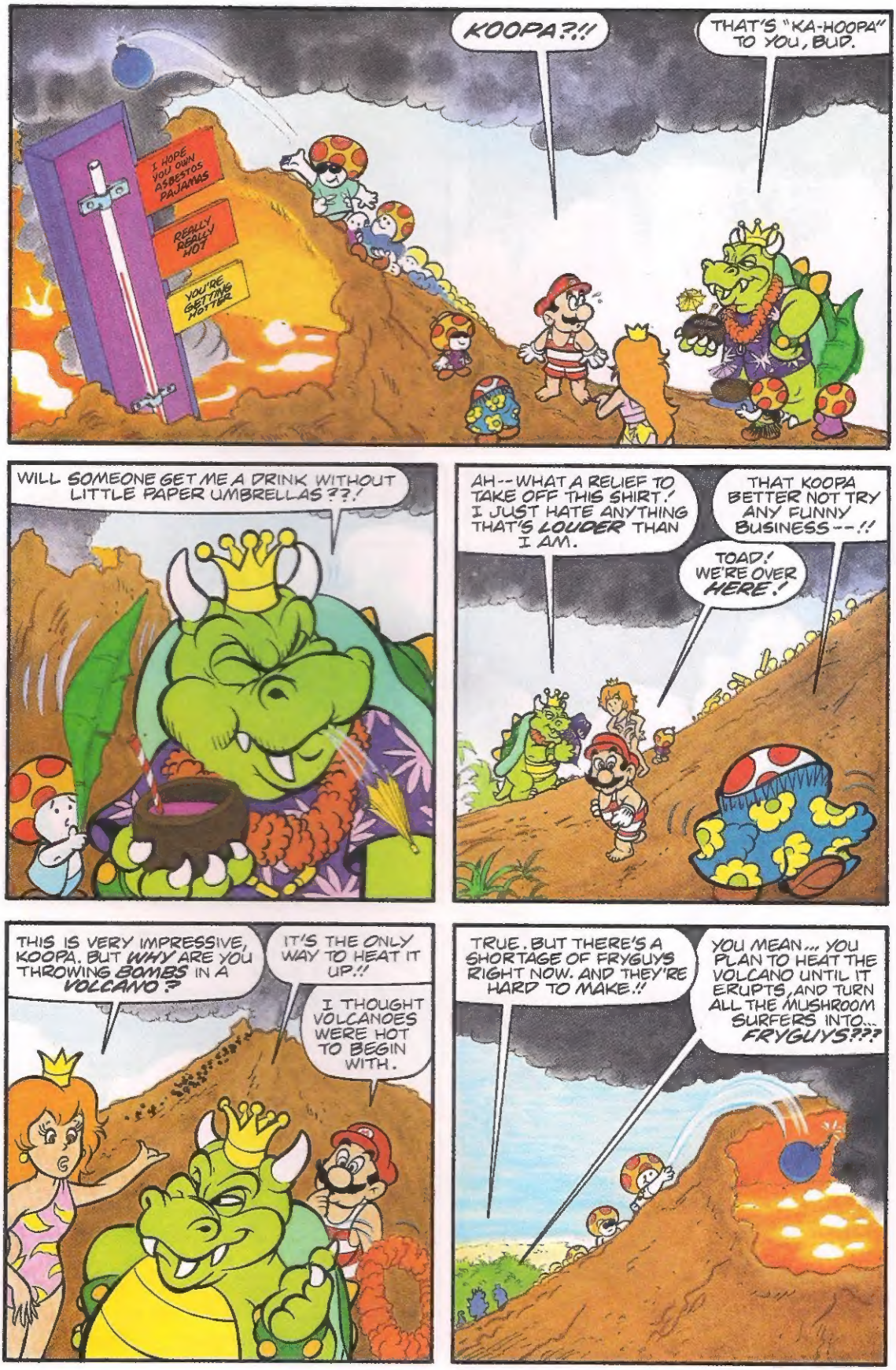
WELL, HERE I AM---
BUT THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT!!

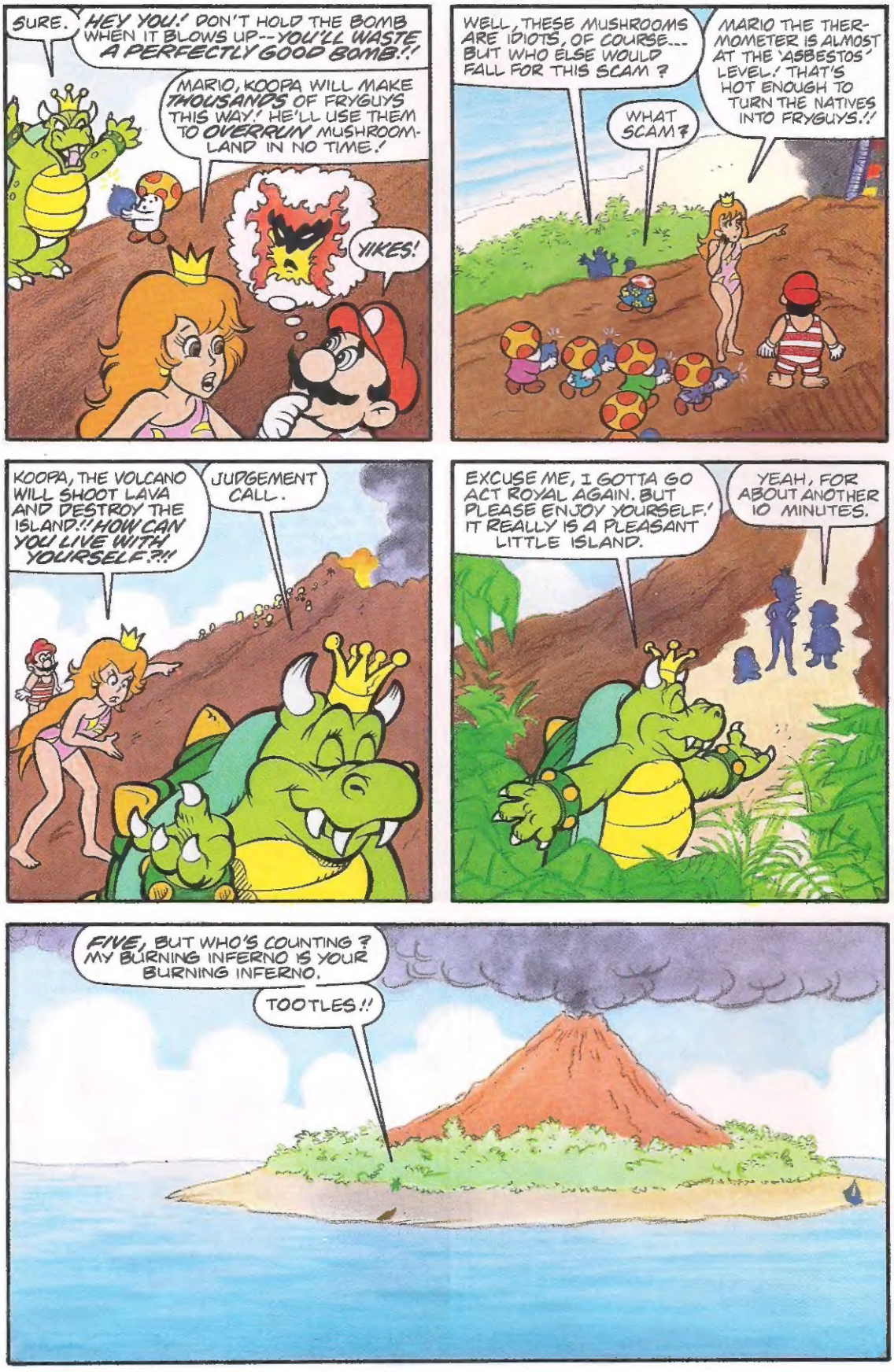

WHO EVER HEARD OF A SWIM SUIT WITHOUT RUFFLES?!!

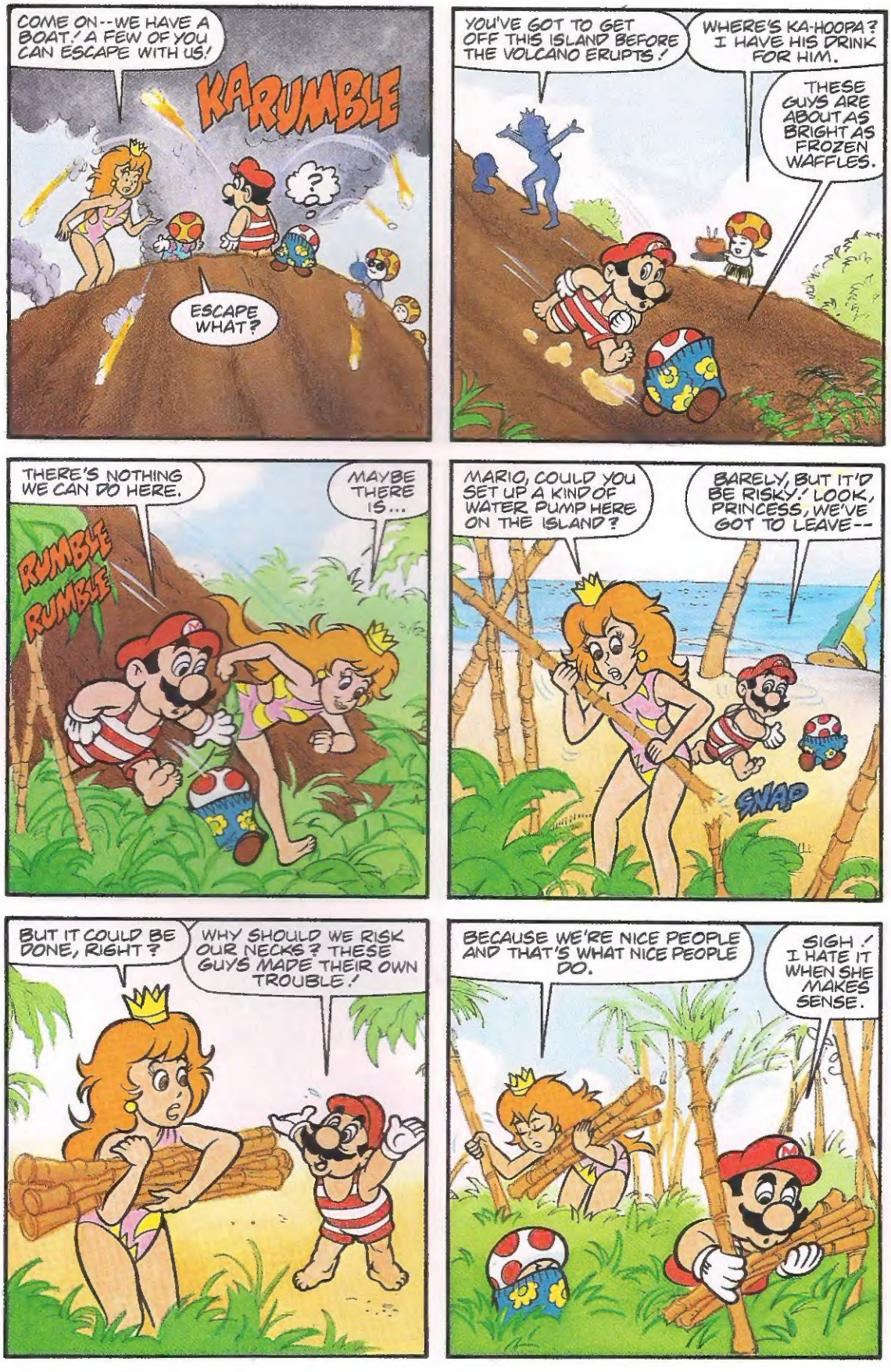
AND ME--! IF I WANTED TO FEEL SILLY, I'D BE HOME HELPING THE KING COUNT HIS PEANUT BUTTER JARS!
I'M UNCOMFORTABLE.


DON'T WORRY, YOU ALL LOOK FINE.
NOW, ENOUGH CHITCHAT--TIME TO GET TO WORK!
RUSTLE RUSTLE


HEY, GOOD BUDDIES --LET'S HAVE SOME HANDS OVER HERE!
MARIO, WHAT ARE THEY DOING WITH THOSE BOMBS??
NICE BAGGIES, MAN!
UH... WHAT'S WITH THE LIT BOMB?
WE'RE HEATING UP THE VOLCANO, OF COURSE.
OF COURSE? I MEAN, SURE. BUT, UH... WHY DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THE VOLCANO HOTTER?
SCARES AWAY THE FISH!
THE ONES THAT CHOMPED ON OUR BOAT?
MAN, YOU THOUGHT THEY WERE HARD ON YOUR BOAT? TRY SURFING IN THEM!
THE BOSS SAYS THAT WHEN WE GET THE VOLCANO HOT ENOUGH, THE FISH WILL GO AWAY AND THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO SURF AGAIN.
WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH ROCKET SCIENTISTS HERE, ARE WE?
OH, YOU'LL LOVE THE BOSS! HE'S THE GREATEST CREATURE THAT EVER LIVED. HE IS LIGHT, HE IS AIR, HE IS BEAUTY--
AND HE'S WAITING FOR LUNCH!!


KOOPA?!!
THAT'S "KA-HOOPA" TO YOU, BUD.
I HOPE YOU OWN ASBESTOS PAJAMAS
REALLY REALLY HOT
YOU'RE GETTING HOTTER
WILL SOMEONE GET ME A DRINK WITHOUT LITTLE PAPER UMBRELLAS??!
AH--WHAT A RELIEF TO TAKE OFF THIS SHIRT! I JUST HATE ANYTHING THAT'S LOUDER THAN I AM.
THAT KOOPA BETTER NOT TRY ANY FUNNY BUSINESS--!!
TOAD! WE'RE OVER HERE!
THIS IS VERY IMPRESSIVE, KOOPA. BUT WHY ARE YOU THROWING BOMBS IN A VOLCANO?
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO HEAT IT UP!!
I THOUGHT VOLCANOES WERE HOT TO BEGIN WITH.
TRUE. BUT THERE'S A SHORTAGE OF FRYGUYS RIGHT NOW. AND THEY'RE HARD TO MAKE!!
YOU MEAN... YOU PLAN TO HEAT THE VOLCANO UNTIL IT ERUPTS, AND TURN ALL THE MUSHROOM SURFERS INTO... FRYGUYS???


SURE.
HEY YOU.! DON'T HOLD THE BOMB WHEN IT BLOWS UP--YOU'LL WASTE A PERFECTLY GOOD BOMB.!
MARIO, KOOPA WILL MAKE THOUSANDS OF FRYGUYS THIS WAY! HE'LL USE THEM TO OVERRUN MUSHROOM-LAND IN NO TIME.!
YIKES!
WELL, THESE MUSHROOMS ARE IDIOTS, OF COURSE--- BUT WHO ELSE WOULD FALL FOR THIS SCAM ?
WHAT SCAM ?
MARIO THE THER-MOMETER IS ALMOST AT THE 'ASBESTOS' LEVEL! THAT'S HOT ENOUGH TO TURN THE NATIVES INTO FRYGUYS.!
KOOPA, THE VOLCANO WILL SHOOT LAVA AND DESTROY THE ISLAND.!! HOW CAN YOU LIVE WITH YOURSELF.?!!
JUDGEMENT CALL.
EXCUSE ME, I GOTTA GO ACT ROYAL AGAIN. BUT PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF.! IT REALLY IS A PLEASANT LITTLE ISLAND.
YEAH, FOR ABOUT ANOTHER 10 MINUTES.
FIVE, BUT WHO'S COUNTING ? MY BURNING INFERNO IS YOUR BURNING INFERNO.
TOOTLES!!


COME ON--WE HAVE A BOAT! A FEW OF YOU CAN ESCAPE WITH US!
KA-RUMBLE
?
ESCAPE WHAT?
YOU'VE GOT TO GET OFF THIS ISLAND BEFORE THE VOLCANO ERUPTS!
WHERE'S KA-HOOPA? I HAVE HIS DRINK FOR HIM.
THESE GUYS ARE ABOUT AS BRIGHT AS FROZEN WAFFLES.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO HERE.
MAYBE THERE IS...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
MARIO, COULD YOU SET UP A KIND OF WATER PUMP HERE ON THE ISLAND?
BARELY, BUT IT'D BE RISKY.' LOOK, PRINCESS, WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE--
SNAP
BUT IT COULD BE DONE, RIGHT?
WHY SHOULD WE RISK OUR NECKS? THESE GUYS MADE THEIR OWN TROUBLE!
BECAUSE WE'RE NICE PEOPLE AND THAT'S WHAT NICE PEOPLE DO.
SIGH! I HATE IT WHEN SHE MAKES SENSE.

FOUR MINUTES LATER...
RR RUMBLE
HURRY WITH THAT WATER WHEEL, TOAD -- THE ISLAND'S ABOUT TO BLOW!
THE MUSHROOM KINGDOM WON'T LAST HALF AN HOUR WITH ALL THESE FRYGUYS I'M GOING TO --
HUH?! WHAT'RE THEY DOING OVER THERE?!!
HURRY, MARIO!!
I HOPE YOU OWN ASBESTOS PAJAMAS
REALLY REALLY HOT
YOU'RE GETTING
IS THE PIPE READY?!
OPEN IT UP -- WE ONLY HAVE A FEW SECONDS LEFT!!
?
TH-THEY CAN'T HAVE FIGURED OUT A WAY...!!
UH OH!

THE WATER'S COOLING DOWN THE VOLCANO.
I HOPE IT'S ENOUGH!
HISSSSSSS
I HOPE YOU OWN ASBESTOS PAJAMAS.
REALLY REALLY HOT
TOASTY WARM
?
IT WORKED! THE ISLAND'S SAVED!!
SIGH! I SUPPOSE THIS MEANS WE'LL HAVE TO GET BACK ONTO THAT LITTLE BOAT SOON.
?
GGEEEEE
WE'RE SORRY.
KOOPA WAS TRYING TO TRICK US. AND WE LET HIM DO IT BECAUSE OF SURFING.
I'M SO ASHAMED! I'M A DISGRACE TO MY BONGOS.
?
AND SO WHAT DID YOU ALL LEARN?
THAT THERE IS SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT IN LIFE THAN SURFING.
AND THAT IS...?
JACUZZIS ARE MORE IMPORTANT!!!
YEHAAAAW --THE WATER'S GREAT!!!
SORTA MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE A GOOD GUY, HUH?
!
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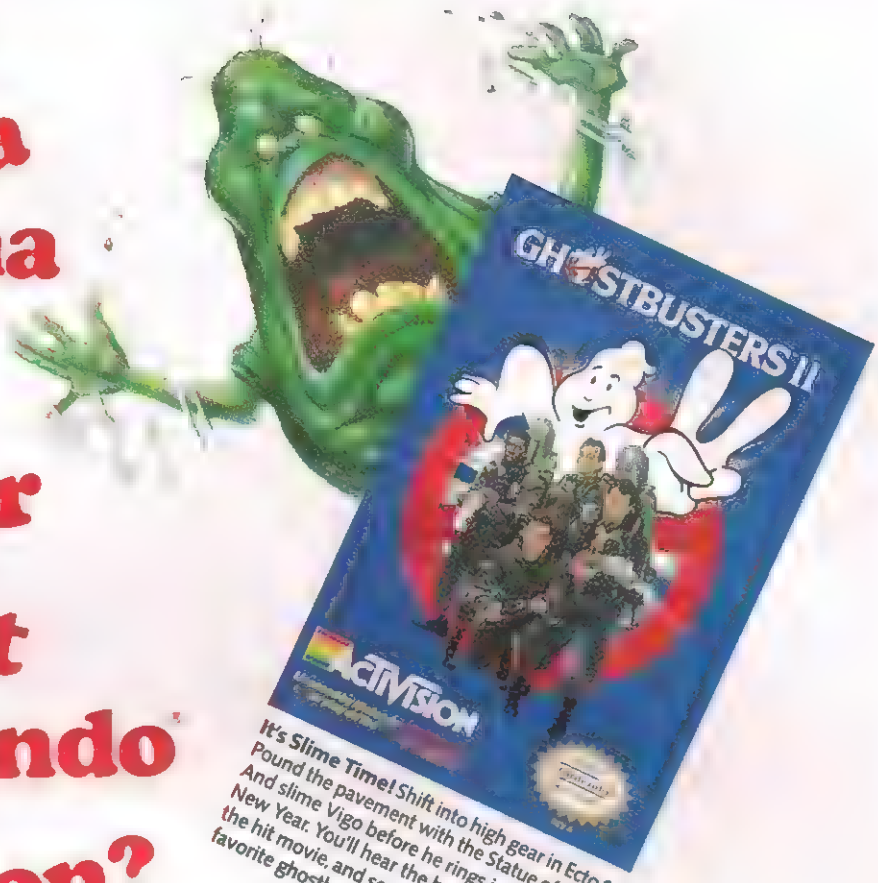

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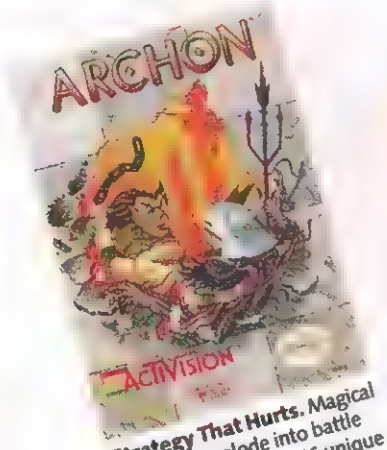

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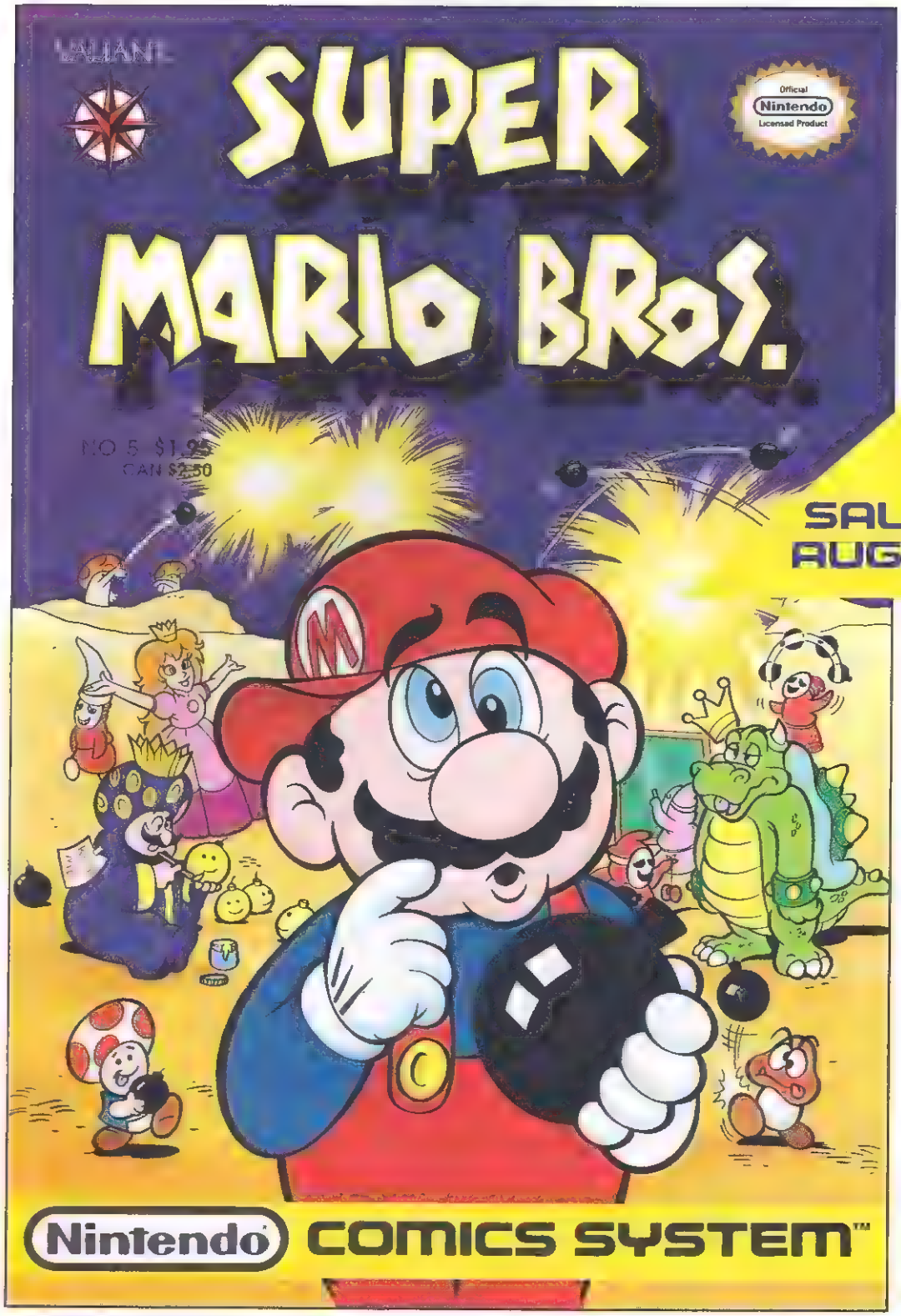

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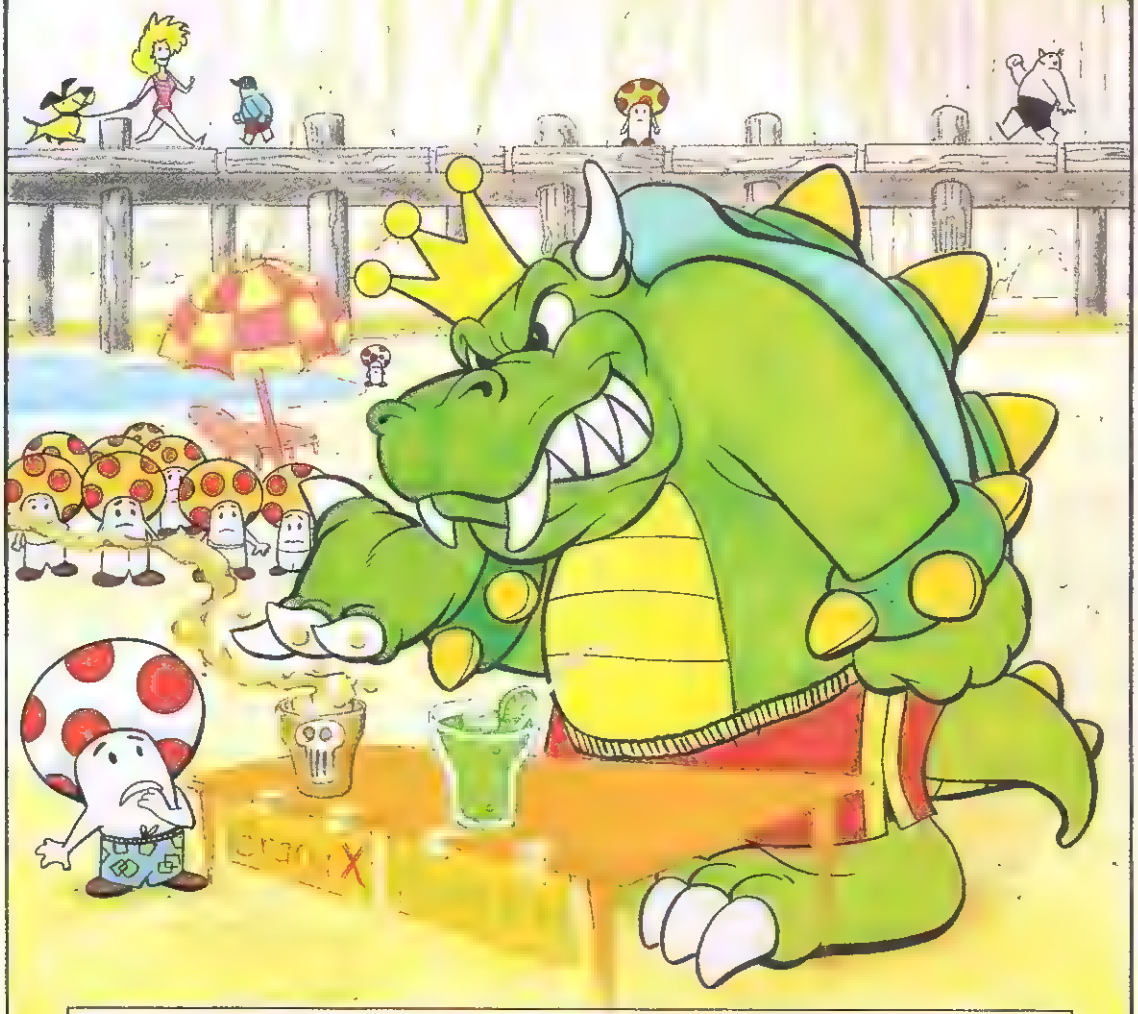

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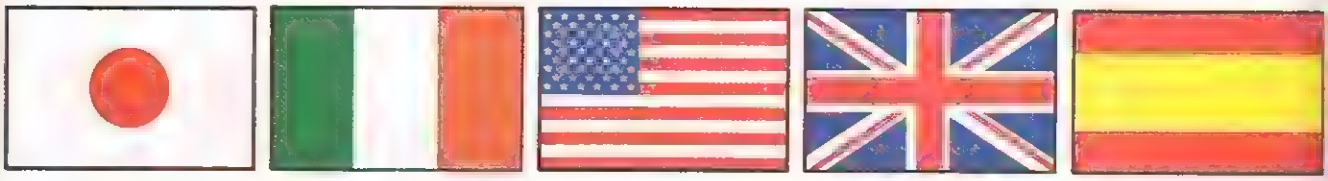

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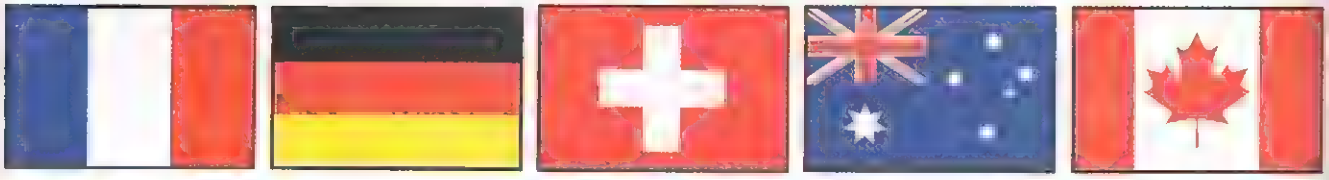

In the Swim! Fun and Sun Fashions

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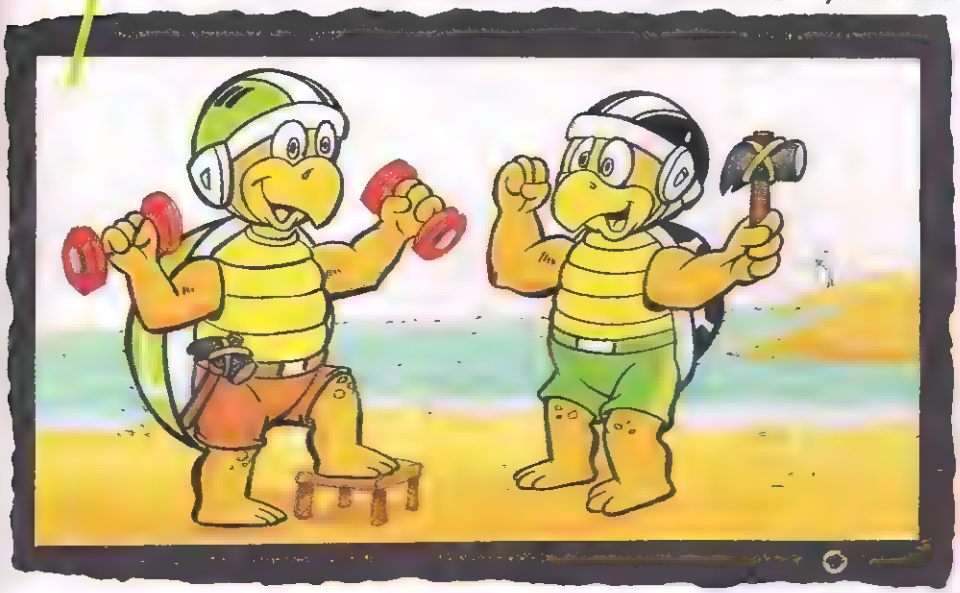

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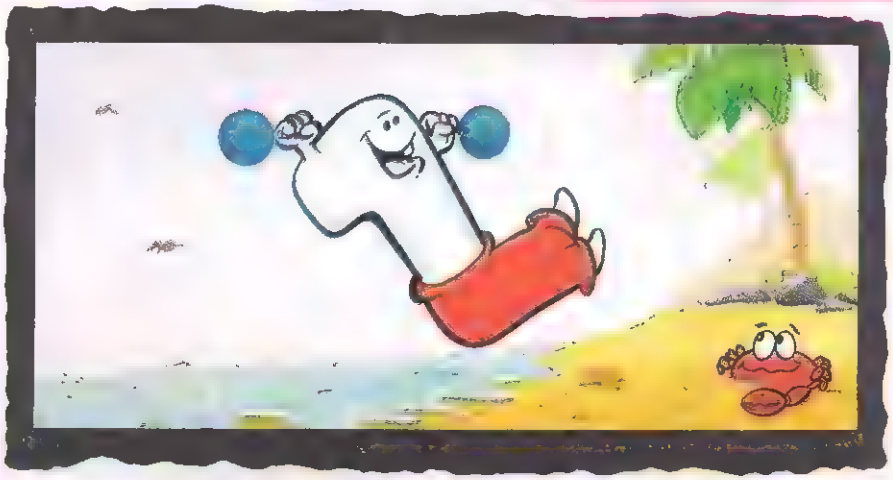

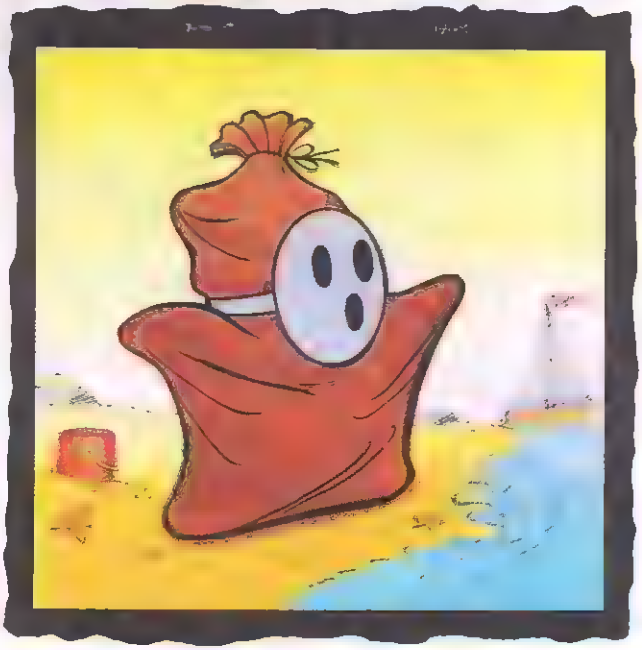

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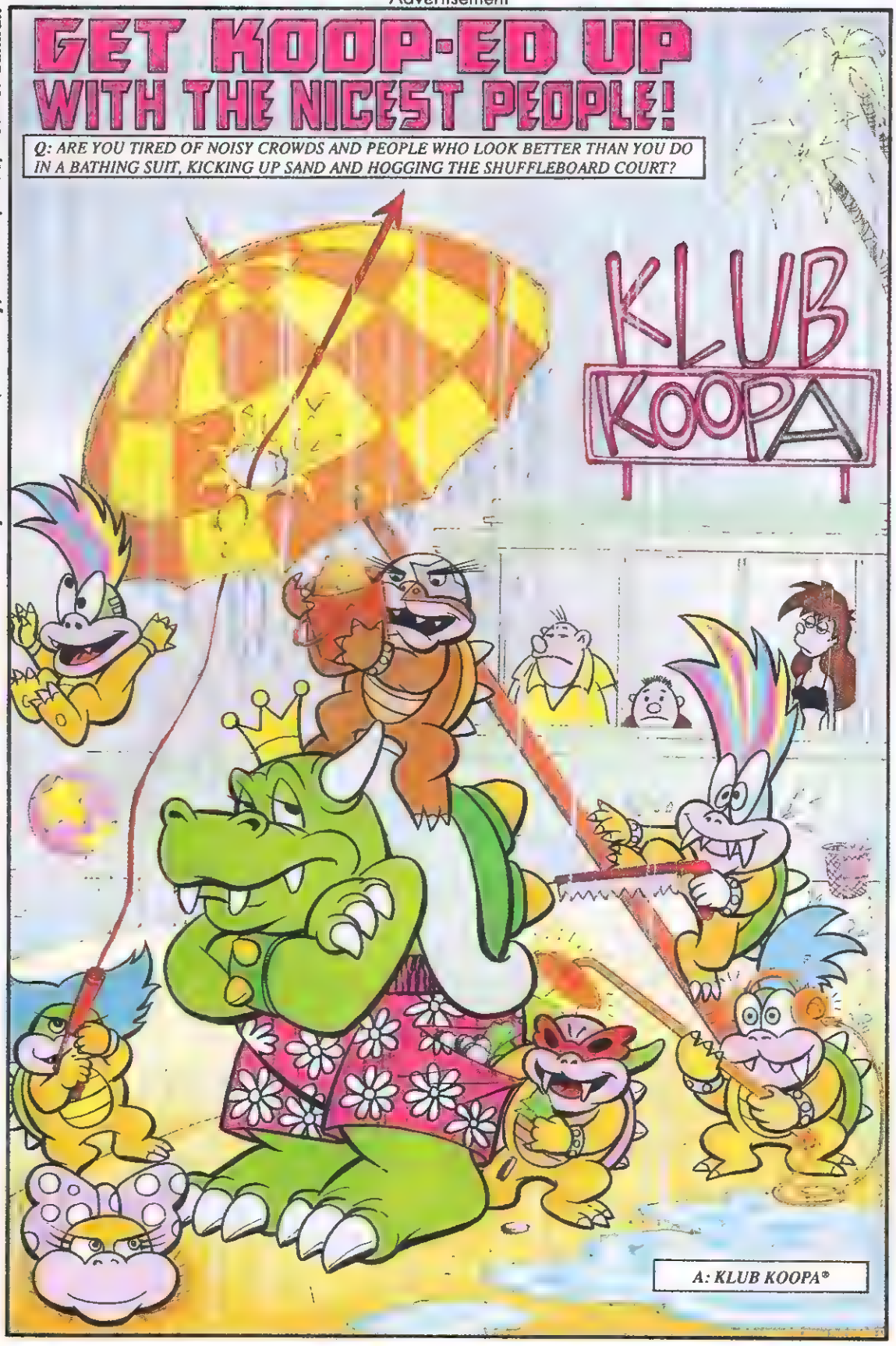

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FINS AND ROSES
ONE DAY IN THE WATER WORLD...
WELL, WENDY KOOPA, THIS IS EITHER THE SMARTEST THING YOU'VE DONE OR THE STUPIDEST!
IF DADDY FINDS OUT I LOOTED THE ARSENAL, I'LL BE GROUNDED TILL I GET MY FOURTH SET OF TEETH!
BUT IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A GIRL GETS HER OWN PERSONAL SPY NETWORK, WARNING HER THAT MARIO HAS TO CROSS THROUGH HERE TODAY, IN FOURTEEN MINUTES, TO BE PRECISE!
KOOPA KOLA

HAMMERS, GUNS, ROCKETS, SEA MINES, BAZOOKAS, SPITBALLS... THAT VALVE-CLEANER MARIO IS DOOMED!!
MARIO WILL BE AT THAT TRANSPORT TUBE IN 13 MINUTES! NOTHING WILL STOP ME!!
HI! I'M STANLEY THE TALKING FISH!
DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT? I KNOW I DO.!!
GET LOST, SQUID-BREATH!
WILL YOU ACCEPT THE GIFT OF MY UNBOUNDED LOVE?
SURE, AND I GOT YOUR "GIFT" RIGHT HERE! HEH, HEH!
A PRESENT? FOR ME?!! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!!
SNAG
I DIDN'T! GIVE THAT BACK, YOU STICKY-FINGERED FISH!!

I'LL GET SOMETHING FOR YOU, WAIT HERE, MY SWEET!!
SHE LOVES ME, I KNEW IT!!
I'M COMING IN AFTER YOU, YOU CREEP!!
OH, STANLEY, YOU STILL GOT THE OL' MAGIC!!
13 MINUTES! I CAN SPARE ONE TO STRANGLE THIS LITTLE WEASEL!!
OH! LOOK AT THE STINK WEED PETALS! IT REMINDS ME OF MY NEW LOVE'S EYES!!
WHY THAT LITTLE-- OOOF!!
YOU! I WANT YOU!!!
HEY, YOU GOT ME, BABE!
URK!
GET YOUR OWN BOYFRIEND, HONEY!

UH... BERTHA... SHE WAS FLIRTING WITH ME!
I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE AS UGLY AS SHE IS, YOU HAVE TO BE SHAMELESS!
HEY!
YOOOWWWW!
AND STAY OUT.
PUNT
I...
HATE...
STANLEY...
THE TALKING...
FISH...
OW!
BERTHA'S AN OLD GIRLFRIEND WHO HAS TROUBLE LETTING GO. I'LL TELL HER ABOUT OUR GREAT LOVE IN MY OWN WAY. LATER.
LET ME SHOW HER OUR LOVE!
BY BLOWING YOU TO FISH STICKS.!!!
YIKES!
YOW!

SEVEN MINUTES TILL MARIO GETS HERE. PLENTY O' TIME.!!
BADOOM
BA DOOM
BADOOM
SHE'S PLAYING HARD TO GET. ON TO PHASE II.!
NO MOVEMENT. THAT'S PROMISING. BUT IT'S MY CIVIC DUTY TO FINISH THE JOB.!
SIX MINUTES.
NOW TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE BY REMOVING STANLEY FROM IT--AND STILL GET BACK IN TIME TO OBLITERATE MARIO.!
NO! HE WOULDN'T! HE WOULDN'T DARE!

I ARRANGED ALL OF THIS FOR YOU, HONEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK?!
IT'S HARD TO PUT INTO WORDS...
SO, I'LL USE VISUAL AIDS!!
BADOOM
BADOOM
FWOOSH
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THAT METERMAID LAST WEEK LOOOOVED THE CALYPSO MUSIC!!
MAN, THAT'S THE TOUGHEST CRITIC SINCE FISHKEL AND SEABERT!
BADOOM
POW
FWOOSH

HONEY, WHYFORE ARE YOU SHOOTING AT THAT BEAUUUU-TIFUL ORCHESTRA STANLEY GOT FOR ME?!!
FOR YOU? I WISH! AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO BE HONEST, LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR "BOYFRIEND"..
YIKES! I'D BETTER DO THE HONOR-ABLE THING!
CRUNCH
TWO SECONDS LATER...
HMM. NICE DIGS. I COULD GET USE TO THIS!
SOME PEOPLE...
JUST DON'T LIKE...
HEARING THE TRUTH!
HMM. I WONDER IF I'M IMPOSING? NAH, DON'T BE SILLY!
SPLOOSH
OWWWWCH!
HONEY! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK TO ME!
WAIT A MINUTE-- IN THE DISTANCE!
IT'S MARIO!
FORGET MARIO! MARRY ME!

GET OUT OF THE WAY, STANLEY, IT'S MARIO. JUST ONE SHOT AND HE'S MINE... ONCE AND FOR ALL!!!
ONLY ONE SHOT LEFT-- BUT THAT'S ALL IT'LL TAKE! THEN, I'LL BE FAMOUS FOR PULVERIZING THAT PLUMBER!
WHAT?! STANLEY-- GET OUT OF THE WAY!!!
HEY, IF WE'RE GOING TO MARRY, JUST WHAT IS YOUR NAME?!
WHAT?! YOU'VE BEEN RUINING MY LIFE AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME?!!!!
I DIDN'T WANT TO SEEM PUSHY.!
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET RID OF THAT STUPID, PRATTLING, MORONIC FISH!!
ROAR
I'M GLAD WE'RE GETTING THESE FEELINGS OUT OF THE WAY THIS EARLY IN OUR RELATIONSHIP!
?

STANLEY!!
BADOOM
OH, I GOT A BOO-BOO!
WHAT?! OH BABY, LET ME SEE!!
THAT BAD LADY TRIED TO STEAL ME AWAY FROM YOU.
FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO FORGIVE HER, HONEY. YOU KNOW THE EFFECT YOU HAVE ON WOMEN.
RIGHT. SHE EVEN TRIED TO BRIBE ME WITH THAT!' THIS STANDARD MILITARY-ISSUE DOUBLE-CHARGE BOMB IS NOTHING COMPARED TO YOUR LOVELY RADIANCE!'
SHE TRIED TO BUY YOU, HUH?! THE CUR!!
WELL, I SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR YOU!'
OH, MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH, DEAR...
PUFF

OKAY, DID I GET THE LITTLE INFECTION?!
BROOOOM
HEY, WENDY-- YOU OKAY?
...NGH...
I'VE BEEN TOTALLY OBLITERATED BY A SELF-ABSORBED IDIOT.!!
OH. SO YOU'VE MET STANLEY THE TALKING FISH.!!
YEAH.
LET'S DECLARE A TRUCE FOR TEN MINUTES.
I'LL BUY YOU A KOOPA KOLA AND WE'LL SAY MEAN AND NASTY THINGS ABOUT STANLEY.!
ME FIRST!
KOOPA KOLA
KOOPA KOLA
HOT DOGS
KOOPA KOLA
GAME OVER

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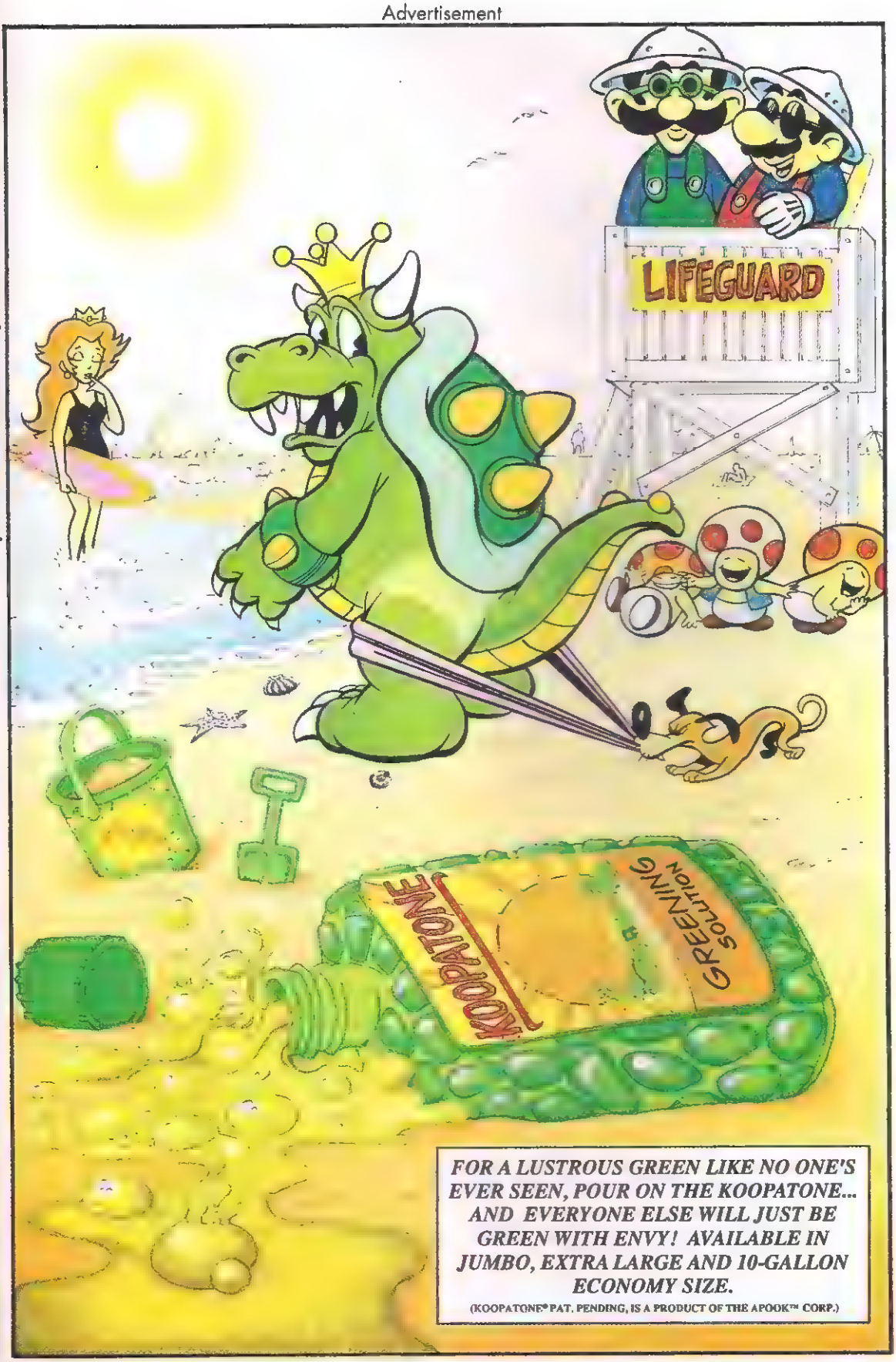
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Dear Mario Guys,

I love the Super Mario Bros. comic more than any other! I'd like to see more of Luigi, though, and some of the suits Mario wears in Super Mario Bros. 3.

Kenny Ondracek
Waterloo, ME

Last issue, which came out right after you sent your letter, had Mario in his Frog Suit. Is that service, or what? We've got Tanooki Mario and Raccoon Mario coming up soon. Now, who's this "Luigi" person you're talking about?

Dear Super Mario Bros.,

My highest score in Super Mario Bros. is 204,000.

Ian Button
Mississauga,
Ontario

Is that per week, or per game? Seriously, can anybody out there beat that score? We can't. Yet.

Dear Mario Communications,

Here's my best secret trick for Super Mario Bros. In World 6-3, if you don't go up the beanstalk you can get a Starman.

Jake Davis
Omaha, NE

Great. Now thanks to you, Ian's going to get even more points. Hey, Jake, if you know so much, who is this "Luigi" guy Kenny mentioned?

Dear VALIANT,

It's great that there's finally a Super Mario Bros. comic! I have read and re-read all of the Nintendo Comics System titles: Super Mario Bros., Game Boy, The Legend of Zelda and Captain N. Your artwork and story lines are great. Why not make a Mega Man comic? I'm sure many people would like it!

Here are some tips for Super Mario Bros. 3:

- If you crouch on top of a white background block for

five or six seconds, you'll fall "behind" the screen. I call it a "behind- the-screen" look!

- Fireballs can kill Boom Boom.
- Frog Suits can get you through pipes that you normally couldn't go in!
- You get different thank-you's from the kings if you defeat the Koopalings using a special suit like the Frog Suit, Tanooki Suit or Hammer Brothers Suit!

Chip Patterson
Dover, OH

Watch for Mega Man in Captain N: The Game Master very soon.

Dear Super Mario Bros. Writers,

I like the way you mix in Super Mario Bros. 1, 2 and 3, but I'm confused about Issue #1. I thought Wart was the leader of the Shyguys, Pidgets, Flurry, etc., not Bowser.

Jason Ricci
Redding, CA

Right. We knew that. We figure that Bowser is the mightiest menace of all, and that every bad guy in Mushroomland says, "how high?" when he says "jump" — even Wart's warriors.

Dear Mario and Luigi,

Your comics are great! I could use every single word meaning terrific to describe them and still keep going!

Sal Becerra
Banning, CA

Yes, but can you describe this dude, Luigi, to us? Wait a minute — is he the one in the green hat?

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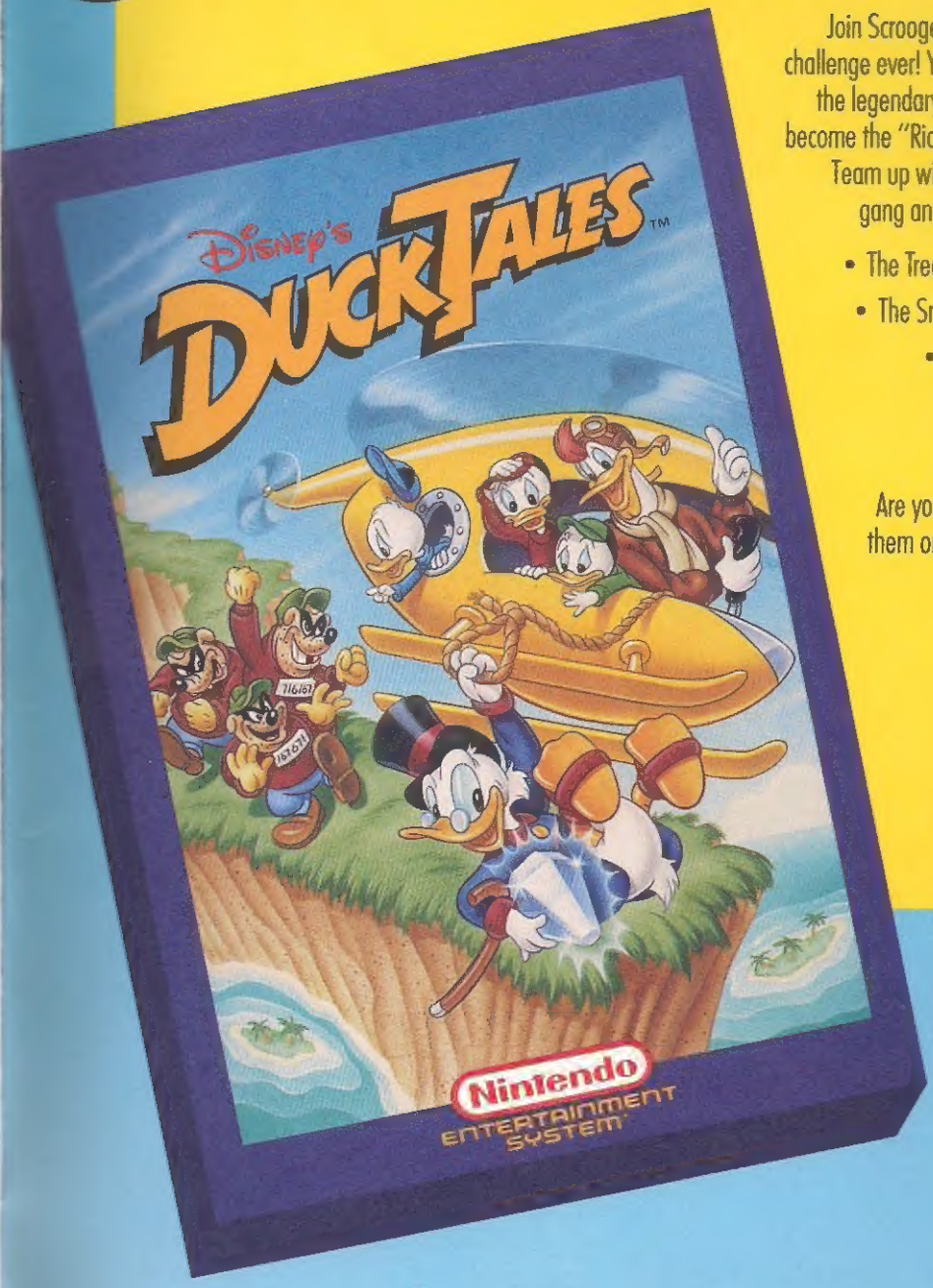

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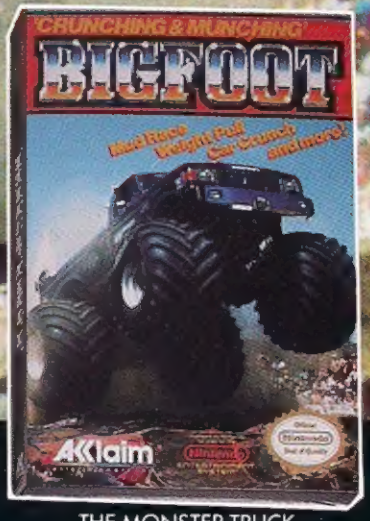

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